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While Applicant agrees with the Examiner's statement that the prior art references fail to teach at least the enumerated steps, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of a single feature. Rather, it is the unique combination of features that makes the claims patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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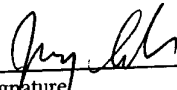
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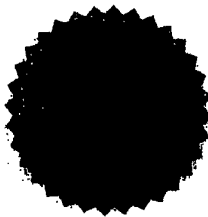
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